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MEDICINE LAKE HEADQUARTERS PARKING AREA

MONTANA REFUGE ROAD PROJECT MELA 900(1)

Well the project at Medicine Lake Refuge is near completion and will wrap up sometime next week, almost a month ahead of schedule. The work remaining is filling in the edges along the new concrete and existing grass as well as finishing the joints.

Precision Concrete from Billings arrived yesterday and started cutting the joints to widen them to the required width. Once all the joints are cut and pressure washed they will be high pressure filled with Dow Corning's concrete joint seal. They expect to finish the joint process on next Tuesday or Wednesday.

The contractor RB Constructors has done a great job and is leaving a quality product for both the Refuge and community to use for years to come. What made this project move along so quickly was the good working relationship between the contractor and refuge staff. The refuge worked to see that their equipment was out of the way, people working at the refuge parked out of the way and when something broke down refuge personnel helped to provide a temporary solution. Refuge managers such as Jerry Rodriguez not only help move a project along through a cooperative effort they get a bigger bang for the bucks spent on this job. In fact when the final costs are in the project will be under budget.

In return for that help, RB Constructors is at their cost sealing the existing old concrete in front of the equipment shop building. This will add life to this area by preventing water from going under the concrete and causing problems in the future.

As this will be the last project newsletter I would like to express my deepest thanks for having the opportunity to experience once again a friendly honest community that makes you feel at home on the first day. Northeast Montana is what America should be like.

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